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Mrs Amos A. Phelps
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Jan 12th 1827

E. M. Gilbert

pleasure of waiting on one of them home last
Sabbath Eve, viz Miss Dutton. The Doct.
is dealing with croup now & then. though I
believe it is rather a poor time for Doct's in
Lebanon at present. I spoke to pa when
I was at home about sending Goodrich to An-
dover to school, he thinks he shall send him
to Mr Hibbard untill Spring, then will
Probably send him to Plainfield or Andover
that has pa very high opinion of both
Places. I hope you will take Lebanon
& Columbia in your way, when you return
h[illegible] I shall expect to hear from you often
[illegible] the mail comes in to this city every other
[illegible]ion the East — also an answer to [illegible] to
soon.

In haste Your Affecte fr[illegible]

Mr A A Phelps

Ew. Gilbert

N.B. I have not heard from Parker
since he left Leb. .. hope he is alive ..

danger of your living a misanthropic life,
I had a letter from Haynes last week he
seemed to be in high spirits getting knowledge
& money as fast as possible, & (as he says) in
some prospects of getting a *sixty thousand dollar*
~~wi~~*wife*, there are but few such prizes in this
part of the country & I suspect he finds them
rather scarce in Poughkeepsie, or at least
difficult to obtain. I have not been home
~~about~~ once since thanksgiving, therefore can tell
you but little about the Lebanonians — as
for the Ministerial party, I was not there,
but heard they had a fine time, there was
about sixty attended the party, consisting of
the aged, middle aged, & youths & children,
& believe from what I heard, it was not an
unprofitable visit to the parson, my sisters
had a very pleasant party thanksgiving
evening, & some what a splendid one for
Lebanon, consisting of about thirty gentlemen
& ladies. The invalids after *whom* you
enquire, I believe have recovered. I had the

Columbia Decem 28th 1826

Dear Sir

Hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but when the desire cometh it is as a tree of life, and as cold water to a thirsty soul so is the reception of a long expected letter from a dear friend. Now you see I have taken my text & therefore I will proceed to answer your letter, though I can say with you I have not very much to communicate which will be interesting, especially to one surrounded by the sons of science & immersed in the depths of Greek & Hebrew literature; for you must know that our Columbian hills have no lights set upon them to illuminate our minds, or dispel the mists of ignorance that hangs over them, of course you will not expect much from the pen of one of its inhabitants. You have as it appears from your letter really concluded to be a minister, I think you have made a wise choice, as it will render you respectable in the eye of the world particularly in the female part of it — or at least, in the eye of the Lebanon ladies, for you know the Deacon says they are all for ministers. so I think there will be but little

C. M. Gilbert